

Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission
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FINAL RULE

Act 87 of 1963, Act 150 of 1985, & Act 1306 of 1997

**EXHIBITION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
FOR LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND EXOTIC ANIMALS**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION AND ENTRY PERMITS:

"Certificate of veterinary inspection" refers to a legible record (made on an official form issued from the state of origin) by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet health requirements of the state of destination. It must bear the identification of each animal and separate certificates must be made for each species of animal entered. Entry permits are required on all out-of-state swine, rodeo bulls unless they are tested within thirty (30) days of entry, psittacines, passerines, ratites, all other avian species except poultry and turkeys, cervids, camelids, or exotic animals. Permit numbers can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office (501) 907-2400 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A certificate of veterinary inspection must accompany all out-of-state animals; and

- (a) Must be available on request by animal health officials.
- (b) Individually identify all animals, showing positive identification of each animal by tattoo, ear tag, registration number or ear notch. Steers should be identified by description.
- (c) Show required tests, vaccinations, and entry permit number, if applicable.
- (d) Show name and address of owner or exhibitor--this shall be the same name as under which animals are exhibited.

2. Any animal or poultry showing any evidence of infectious or contagious disease, or of external parasitism, and animals with active ringworm lesions (with the resulting loss of

hair), multiple warts easily visible without close examination, or atrophic rhinitis, will not be permitted to exhibit.

3. All animals entering the grounds, including those shown in pet zoos, children's barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc. must meet requirements of their particular species.
4. All animals originating out of areas quarantined because of other diseases (vesicular stomatitis, scabies, etc.) shall not be permitted to enter the state.

OUT-OF-STATE CATTLE

1. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection

2. **Brucellosis requirements:**

Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over twelve (12) months of age and are not official calfhood vaccinates will not be allowed to show unless they are from a Brucellosis Certified Free Herd or a Class Free state. All females and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and over must have a negative brucellosis test conducted at a state or federal laboratory within thirty (30) days prior to exhibition.

Those exempt from testing requirements are as follows:

- (a) Animals originating out of Class Free states
 - (b) Animals originating out of Certified Free Herds provided that the Certified Free Herd number and test date is recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. Rodeo bulls participating in a recognized and organized performance group may enter with a negative test for brucellosis within twelve 12 months if they are individually identified and accompanied by an entry permit.
3. **Tuberculosis requirements:**

None. However, animals originating out of quarantined herds or areas will not be permitted to enter the state.

OUT-OF-STATE SWINE

1. As of July 1, 2001, an official premise identification and individual identification.
2. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection
3. Permit number

4. **Brucellosis requirements:**

Negative brucellosis test on all intact males (i.e., barrows excluded) and females six (6) months of age and older, within thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition. Animals originating directly out of Validated Brucellosis Free Herds, with the Validated Free Herd number and date of last test on the certificate, and animals from Swine Brucellosis Free States are exempt from testing requirements.

4. **Pseudorabies requirements:**

A negative pseudorabies test, regardless of age, within thirty (30) days prior to exhibition. Animals originating out of Pseudorabies Qualified Herds, with the Qualified Herd number on the certificate, and animals from Pseudorabies Free states are exempt from testing.

OUT-OF-STATE GOATS

1. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection with identification of each animal
2. Goats may be examined on grounds by fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel. Goats showing evidence of abscesses and certainly draining abscesses will not be allowed to show and may be released by fair officials, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel. Goats showing evidence of any other disease may be released from show.

OUT-OF-STATE SHEEP

1. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection with individual identification
2. Sheep will be inspected on the exhibition grounds. Any animals showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, or scrapie, will not be allowed to show.

OUT-OF-STATE HORSES

1. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection with individual identification and a rectal temperature reading on each animal.

2. A negative EIA test must have been conducted on all equidae over six (6) months of age within twelve (12) months prior to the exhibition, and the EIA test papers must accompany the certificate. Nursing foals under six (6) months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams. (Photocopies of the test papers will not be acceptable--legible carbon copies will be acceptable.)

OUT-OF-STATE RATITES

All ratites must have a negative test for avian influenza within thirty (30) days prior to entry and exhibition unless a state of emergency has been declared. They must be individually identified with a form of permanent identification and listed on a certificate of veterinary inspection with an entry permit number.

OUT-OF-STATE CERVIDS

- (1) All out-of-state cervidae shall have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection and a permit number prior to entry and exhibition and meet brucellosis and tuberculosis testing requirements.

- (2) Brucellosis:

All cervidae over six (6) months of age shall have a negative test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days; or originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Cervid Herd; or originate from a Brucellosis-Monitored Cervid Herd within ninety (90) days prior to movement.

- (3) Tuberculosis:

All cervidae shall have two negative single cervical tuberculosis tests conducted no less than ninety (90) days apart, with the second test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to movement; or originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free Cervid Herd; or originate from a Qualified Tuberculosis Cervid Herd with a negative test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to movement, except that cervidae under twelve (12) months from a Qualified Herd are exempt from testing; or originate from a Monitored Tuberculosis Cervid Herd with a negative tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days prior to movement, except that cervidae under twelve (12) months from a Monitored Herd are exempt from testing.

OUT-OF-STATE CAMELIDS

1. Individually identified, and valid certificate of veterinary inspection within thirty (30) days
2. Permit number
3. Registration papers when accompanied by registry photographs of the animal are acceptable identification.

OUT-OF-STATE RABBITS

No certificate of veterinary inspection required. Inspection will be made on grounds. No rabbits showing symptoms of disease will be allowed to show.

OUT-OF-STATE POULTRY

1. All poultry, which includes game birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, turkeys, and waterfowl shall have originated from a US Pullorum clean flock or have had a negative pullorum test within ninety (90) days of entry. All turkeys shall also have originated from a US MG clean flock or have had a negative MG test within thirty (30) days of entry. All the preceding information must be documented on a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, NPIP flock certification form or similar certificate. These forms must indicate that the flocks from which the eggs or chicks originated have been tested for pullorum disease and were free of reactors; or, any eggs or chicks or poults produced under the supervision of the National Poultry Improvement Plan will be deemed to have met with the requirements of these regulations, provided all of the requirements of NPIP are complied with and applicable NPIP forms accompany birds. All non-certified poultry must be individually identified, either by a permanent leg or wing band or tattoo. Wrap-around plastic bands are not acceptable. NPIP certified flocks of turkeys, chickens, and domesticated fowl entering on a VS 9-3 or NPIP flock certification form or similar certificate are exempt from the requirement of a certificate of veterinary inspection unless a state of emergency has been declared.

OTHER OUT-OF-STATE TAME OR EXOTIC ANIMALS

Please call State Veterinarian's office for information and permit.

ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK

COUNTY, JR. DISTRICT, DISTRICT, STATE FAIR LEVEL, AND OTHER SHOWS

1. All animals entering the grounds, including those showing in pet zoos, children's barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc. must meet the requirements of their particular species.
2. Arkansas livestock (except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers and rabbits) must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within ninety (90) days prior to exhibition, showing the following:

ARKANSAS CATTLE

1. If Arkansas is a Class Free State, Arkansas cattle are exempt from brucellosis testing. If Arkansas is not a Class Free State then the following testing requirements must be met:
Negative brucellosis test within ninety (90) days prior to exhibition, for females and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and over. All heifers that have calved or are bred must be tested. Animals originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd are exempt if the Certified Free Herd number is shown on certificate.
2. All heifers that are four to twelve (4-12) months of age shall be vaccinated before entering show.
3. Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over twelve (12) months of age and are not official calfhood vaccinates will not be allowed to show (unless they are from a Brucellosis Certified Free Herd.)

ARKANSAS SWINE

1. As of July 1, 2001, all swine must have an official premise identification.
2. Animals six (6) months old or older to be tested negative for brucellosis within ninety (90) days of exhibition or originate directly out of a Validated Herd, with Validation number and date of last herd test shown on certificate (barrows exempt from brucellosis testing, but must

be pseudorabies tested.)

3. Animals to be tested negative for pseudorabies regardless of age within ninety (90) days of the exhibition on a test approved by the state veterinarian or originate directly out of a Qualified Pseudorabies Free Herd, with Qualified Herd number and date of last test shown on certificate.
4. Free of other contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases (erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, etc.); otherwise they will not be allowed to show and will be released from fairgrounds.

ARKANSAS SHEEP

Sheep will be inspected on grounds. No sheep showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, and scrapie will be allowed to show.

ARKANSAS GOATS

Goats may be examined on grounds by fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel. No goats showing evidence of abscesses and certainly draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released by fair officials, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel. Goats showing evidence of any other disease may be released.

ARKANSAS RABBITS

Rabbits will be inspected on grounds. No rabbits showing symptoms of disease will be allowed to show.

ARKANSAS HORSES

Negative EIA test required within the past twelve (12) months for all animals over six (6) months of age. Nursing foals under six (6) months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams Photocopies of the test papers will not be accepted; carbon copies are acceptable.

ARKANSAS CERVIDS

1. Certificate of veterinary inspection.
2. Negative cervical tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days.
3. Negative brucellosis test within ninety (90) days;
4. Or originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free and Accredited Tuberculosis Free Cervid Herd;
5. Or originate from a Brucellosis-Monitored and a Qualified Tuberculosis Cervid Herd within ninety (90) days of exhibition.

ARKANSAS CAMELIDS

1. Individually identified, and certificate of veterinary inspection within ninety (90) days of exhibition.
2. Registration papers when accompanied by registry photographs of the animal are acceptable identification.

ARKANSAS RATITES

1. Certificate of veterinary inspection.
2. Negative avian influenza test within ninety (90) days.
3. Permanent identification.

ARKANSAS POULTRY

An official representing the exhibition shall notify the state veterinarian no later than thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition, giving names, place, inclusive dates, and time of the event.

The requirements are as follows:

1. All in-state poultry, which includes domesticated game birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, guineas, and turkeys, present at exhibition in Arkansas shall have originated from U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within ninety (90) days of the movement to the exhibition (pullorum-typhoid testing on

fairgrounds during the fair is prohibited.) This information will be documented on a NPIP Form VS 9-3, 90-Day Certificate, NPIP Flock Certification Form or similar certificate which will accompany the poultry during exhibition.

2. All non-certified birds must be banded (leg or wing band), with a sealed band. Wrap-around plastic bands are not acceptable. In-state waterfowl are exempt from pullorum-typhoid requirements.
3. Any poultry showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or insect infestation will not be permitted to exhibit.
4. Record Keeping -

The sponsor of the exhibition shall compile a list of all poultry present at exhibition. This list

shall contain the name and address of each owner, the number, the species, breed, variety, type, sex, and pullorum-typhoid status of all poultry present. A copy of this shall be retained by the sponsor of the exhibition for at least twelve (12) months.

OTHER IN-STATE TAME OR EXOTIC ANIMALS

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